## PRICE OF RICE—ENHANCEMENT IN 1119

**188. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon** *(Cheruthuruthi):*

താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് മറുപടി പറയുവാൻ ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെന്റിലേക്ക് ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ.—

(എ) ഫ ഫ ഫൻ ചിങ്ങമാസത്തിൽ അരിക്ക വിലകൂട്ടി ഗവൺമെണ്ട് ഗസറിൽ പ്രസ്താവം ചെയ്ത തിയ്യതി ഏതാണ്;

(ബി) തലപ്പിള്ളി താലൂക്കിൽ ആഗസ്സ് ഏതുതിയ്യതിയിലാണ് ഡെലിവറിയുണ്ടായതു;

(സി) തലപ്പിള്ളിതാലൂക്കിലെ ലൈസൻസുകച്ചവടക്കാരോട് ആഗസ്റ്റ്തിയ്യതിമുതൽ കൂടുതൽ വിലകെട്ടുവാൻ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ഡി) അങ്ങിനെ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടതിൽ എത്രപേർ പണം കെട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ട്;

(ഇ) എത്രപേർ കെട്ടാതെയുണ്ട്;

(എഫ്) അവരെ ഇപ്പോഴും നിർബ്ബന്ധിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

**Rao Sahib M. M. Paul** *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(എ) ഫ ഫ ഫൻ ചിങ്ങം ൧ ൮൮൯.

(ബി) ഏതെല്ലാം തിയ്യതികളിലാണ് ഡെലിവറിയുണ്ടായതെന്നു പറവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. എന്നാൽ അസിസ്റ്റാൻണ്ട് സപ്ലൈഓഫീസിൽ ചിങ്ങം ൧൩-ാം൯ കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

(സി) ഇല്ല.

(ഡി), (ഇ) & (എഫ്) മൂന്നാമത്തെ ഉപചോദ്യത്തിനുള്ള ഉത്തരം കൊണ്ടു മറ്റുചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കും ഉത്തരംആവശ്യമില്ല.

## V. G. HIGH SCHOOL, TRICHUR—STRENGTH IN CERTAIN CLASSES

**189. Mr. M. Krishna Menn** *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state the strength of Form IV in the V. G. High School, Trichur, in the current school year and in the year previous?

**Rao Sahib I. N. Menon** *(Director of Public Instruction):*

Current school year 95.

During previous year 139.

## CLASSES WORKING WITHOUT TEACHERS IN CERTAIN SCHOOLS

**190. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menn** *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total number of classes in S. M. T. High School, Chelakkara;

(*b*) the total number of classes in the High School, Thiruvilwamala;

(*c*) the total number of classes in L. S. School, Cheruthuruthi;

(*d*) if there are any classes working in any of these without a teacher;

(*e*) if any, when did the Director of Public Instruction get a report of the same from the schools concerned;

(*f*) what is the reason for not supplying the necessary staff?

**Rao Sahib I. N. Menon** *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) 22.

(*b*) 22.

(*c*) 16 (10 English section & 6 Malayalam section).

(*d*) No.

(*e*) & (*f*) Do not arise.

## BLACK MARKETING OF CEMENT—ENQUIRY INTO

**191. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

whether enquiries were made by Government regarding black marketing of cement (by Government contractors) which was supplied for Government works in 1119 and 1120; if so, who conducted the enquiry and what was the result of it; who were the persons involved and the quantity of cement black marketed; what action was taken?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):*

Yes, both by the Public Works and Police Departments. No definite case could be made out against the suspected contractors. However they have been debarred from

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entrustment of works involving the use of cement for sometime. It is not in the public interests to divulge their names.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi):* May I know whether these contractors were P. W. D. Contractors or Panchayat Contractors.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* One of them was a P. W. D. contractor, and some of them were Panchayat contractors.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the contractor who has been debarred by the P. W. Department is getting works on contract from the Panchayat Department?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* I want notice.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Hon'ble Minister kindly supply the information?

**Mr. T. K. Nayar** *(Minister for Rural Development):* I don't know who the contractor is.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Hon'ble Member for Engineering be pleased to give the name of the Contractor who was debarred?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* I have already answered that question. No interest will be served by giving out the name of the contractor.

**Mr. A B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* Has this cement been traced, as to how it went and where it went.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* We conducted an inquiry and it was from the user of the cement that we got the hint of theft of cement by the contractor.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* Has he been prosecuted?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* No definite case could be made out. It was only a suspicision.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* Was the Police put on the track?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* What was the result of the investigation?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* This is the result of the investigation. No definite case could be made out.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether it was found out that a hundred bags of cement was sold in the shop of one Chandy?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* I have no information.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Has the Police made any enquiry?

**Kan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur** *(Commissioner of Police):* No such case has been reported to the Police.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* May I know the quantity of cement involved?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* I have no information.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether there has been any correspondence between the Chief Engineer and the Director of Public Health and Panchayats about this?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* We received certain anonymous petitions regarding this and I remember to have forwarded some to the Director of Panchayats.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* What is the value of the cement supplied to them in 1119 and what was the value of the quantity that was missing?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* I want notice.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether any quantity of cement has been handed over from the Trichur Municipatity to any of the contractors?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* I have no information.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* What is the quantity purchased by the Government and handed over to the contractors?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* I cannot supply the information now?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഇതിനെ കുറിച്ചന്വേഷണത്തിൽ സിമൻറ് വിറ്റതായിട്ട് ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന് അറിവു കിട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* We received certain anonymous letters and allegations regarding the sale of cement by the contractors.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* Did you punish these contractors because there was proof of black-marketing, or on mere suspicion?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* It was mainly on suspicion.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: കുറ്റം ചെയ്തുവെന്നുള്ളതു തെളിയുന്നതിനു മുമ്പ് കുറ്റം ചെയ്തതായി സംശയിക്കുന്ന ആളെ ശിക്ഷിക്കാറുണ്ടോ?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* I thought that it was necessary in the interests of discipline to take action in a case of this nature.

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മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ഇങ്ങിനെ ശിക്ഷിച്ചതിൽനിന്നു കൂറം ചെയ്യുവെന്നുവേണ്ടെ മിക്കവാറും വിചാരിക്കുവാൻ?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer)*: Yes.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri)*: Did you investigate all these allegations yourself?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer)*: Yes.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri)*: Yet you have not got the details?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer)*: I have got the details but they are not with me at present.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri)*: Will you please place the details on the table?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer)*: Yes.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam)*: Can we not presume that the Hon'ble Member for Engineering at least was convinced that there was a sort of prima facie case?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer)*: That is what I was saying.

**Mr. K. T. Achuthan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Was any officer punished?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer)*: No.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ് പണിക്കർ: പൊതുമരാമത്തു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിൽനിന്നോ പഞ്ചായത്തു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിൽനിന്നോ ഏതിൽ നിന്നാണു് ഈ കരിഞ്ചന്ത എപ്പാട നടന്നതെന്നു പറയാമോ?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer)*: I cannot say definitely that there was black-marketing. There has been a suspicion of contractors missing the cement given to them.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri)*: What is the extent of work that was entrusted to these contractors in the year 1119?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer)*: There was only one case in which there was suspicion. That work was a small repair work of a bridge involving about 100 bags of cement.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ് പണിക്കർ: ഈ കരിഞ്ചന്ത നടത്തി എന്നു സംശയം ജനിച്ചതു പൊതുമരാമത്തു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിൽനിന്നോ പഞ്ചായത്തു വകുപ്പിൽനിന്നോ?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menan** *(Chief Engineer)*: That I cannot say.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam)*: Has it come to the notice of the Government that when the cynogasing process was going on in Trichur certain quantity of cement, the possession of which was unauthorised, came out?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer)*: I have no information.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will the Government be pleased to enquire about it?

**Mr. President**: If the Hon'ble Member will place such information as he has got on this possession at the disposal of the Government, the Government will make an enquiry.

**AMOUNTS SPENT BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—TALUK-WAR LIST OF**

**192. Mr. P. Narayana Menon** *(Trippunittura)*: Will Government be pleased to state,—

a taluk-war list of amounts spent by the Public Works Department last year for (*a*) Irrigation works (*b*) Maintenance and repair of roads (*c*) Construction of new roads and culverts (*d*) Repair of School buildings, and (*e*) School Furniture?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer)*: A Statement with regard to sub-divisions (*a*) to (*d*) is appended *(Please see Appendix)*.

(*e*) The Public Works Department does not spend anything for the purchase of school furniture.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: റോഡുകൾ കേട തീർക്കുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടി ശരാശരി ഒരു മൈലിനു് ഏറവുമധികം ഉക ചിലവാകുന്നതു എത്രതാളുക്കിലാണു്?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer)*: It cannot be taken as a matter of course. It depends upon the traffic and so many other things.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: കൽപ്രദേശങ്ങളേക്കാൾ മണൽ പ്രദേശങ്ങളിൽ റോഡുകൾ നന്നാക്കാൻ കൂടുതൽ ഉക ചിലവാകുകയില്ലേ?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer)*: I cannot say off-hand. It is all given in the budget estimate of the P.W.D. every year.

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